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Story

I'm Hino Arisa. I write novels for girls under the pen name Hino Sanae. I recently wrote a story modeled after a high school girl named Yuuki. I find her to be honest and interesting. She has no clue that I was stalking her. The truth is... I have another motive for wanting to be near her.

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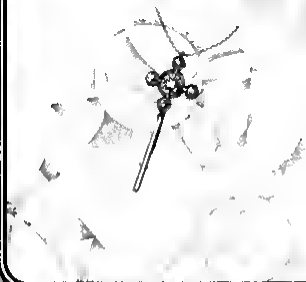

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★ Characters ★

KUBATA SHUUJI

YUUKI'S BOYFRIEND AND CLASSMATE. KIND AND CHEERFUL. POPULAR.

HINO AKIHISA

WRITES NOVELS FOR GIRLS. MOVED INTO THE ROOM ABOVE YUUKI'S. MARRIED.

KIMURA YUUKI

10TH GRADER. HAS BEEN LIVING BY HERSELF SINCE SPRING BECAUSE HER PARENTS ARE WORKING OVERSEAS.

★ Story ★

★Kimura Yuuki is a typical high-school girl, but she's been having some unusual experiences lately. It all started when she discovered that she and her boyfriend Shuuji were the main characters in a popular author's novel...

★ Not only that...but a mysterious man also seems to be stalking Yuuki. Akihisa is a novelist who happens to be living in the apartment above Yuuki's. It turns out...he's the stalker...AND the author of the novel!

★ Later on Shuuji catches Akihisa kissing Yuuki!! What a dramatic situation!! Then, Akihisa tricks Yuuki into attending a party with him. On the way home she finds out that her voice sounds very similar to his wife's...!?

Chapter V
I'LL ALWAYS GIVE YOU A HUG
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IT LOOKS GOOD ON YOU...
DIDN'T THAT NECKLACE... BELONG TO SANAE?
YUUKI-CHAN'S VOICE...
...SOUNDS JUST LIKE SANAE'S...

S.H.
SANAE
早苗
HINO
日野
S.H
YUUKI-CHAN?
I'M GOING HOME NOW.
I HAVE SOMEONE WAITING FOR ME.
AH...
OKAY.
THANKS FOR TAKING ME HOME.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
HUH?
YOU GOT REALLY QUIET EARLIER WHEN I ASKED ABOUT SANAE...

I JUST WASN'T FEELING WELL...
BUT I'M FINE NOW
NO, IT WASN'T THAT.
OKAY
YEAH.
DING DONG
DING DONG

SHUT
YUUKI-CHAN WENT TO BED ALREADY
YUU
CLICK
I...SEE...
sigh
—
ALL RIGHT THEN, BYE.
Hey
WAIT, AKIHISA!
You don't seem surprised to see me here

YEAH...
YOU ..
PUSH
AHHH!!
YUUKI-CHAN..
YOU SHOULD
IS THAT WHY YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HER?
YUUKI-CHAN'S VOICE SOUNDS JUST LIKE SANAE'S
YEAH...
YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT YUUKI-CHAN AT ALL?
SO YOU'RE ONLY USING HER AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR SANAE!?
YEAH.

...SAY "NO"
TO AT LEAST ONE QUESTION!
DON'T COME HERE ANYMORE !!
damage
——...
SLAM

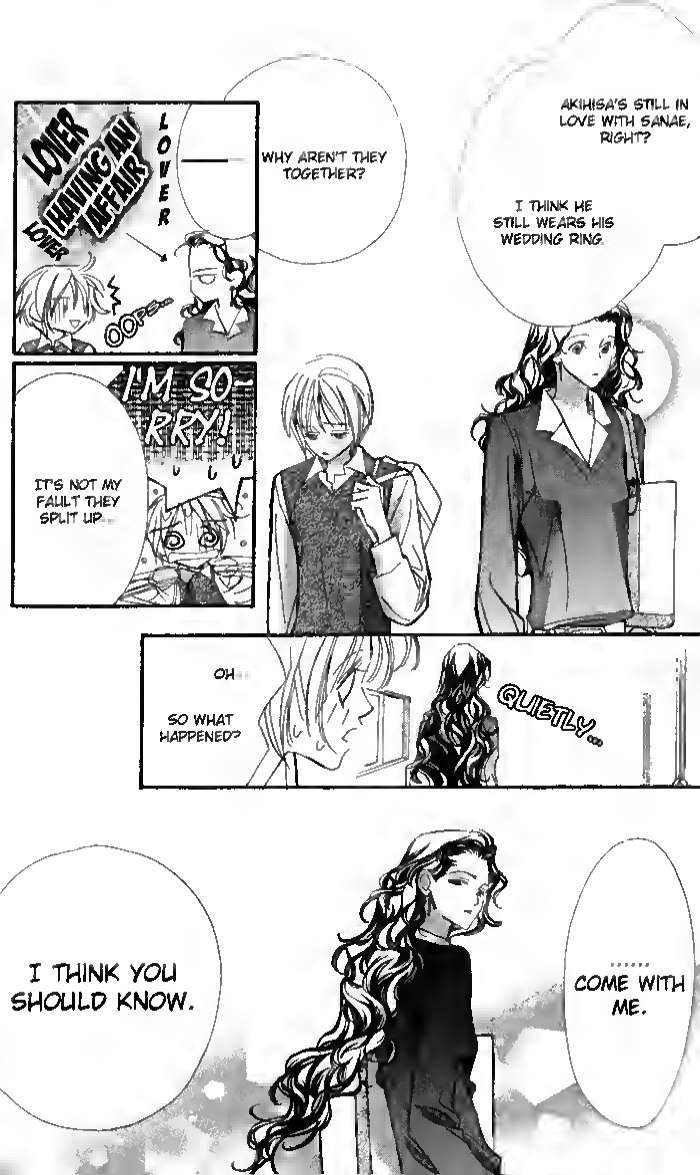
RUSTLE
YOU SEE?
IF YOU CARE ABOUT HER EVEN A LITTLE...
THEN YOU SHOULDN'T SEE HER ANYMORE.
YOU KNOW VERY WELL WHY.

AND NOW...
I'M PAYING THE PRICE.
I'M SO STUPID...
I CAN'T BELIEVE I LET HIM
DRAG ME AROUND LIKE THAT...
I CAN'T— COME OVER TO YOUR PLACE?

I'M SORRY
NO. MY HEART'S STILL BROKEN FROM THE LAST TIME YOU REJECTED ME
WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT YOU LOOK REALLY GOOD TODAY? ♡
ARE YOU SAYING THAT I DON'T NORMALLY LOOK GOOD?
10 O'CLOCK?
SO, WHAT TIME DID YOU WANNA COME OVER?
NO, I MEAN, YOU LOOK GOOD TODAY, TOO
THAT'S RIGHT...
WHEN I'M WITH SHUUJI...
I FEEL COMFORTABLE
OKAY

I...
...BELONG WITH SHUUJI
HE'S THE ONE I LOVE...
——...
——
HOW UNLUCKY...
H...
HELLO
WELL, AKIHISA AND I DO LIVE IN THE SAME BUILDING
YOU LOOK UNCOMFORTABLE
DON'T FORCE YOURSELF TO BE POLITE
SLIP
DOOR
(Waiting for the) elevator

IT FEELS LIKE I'M SUFFOCATING IN HERE!
SO...
YOU HEARD FROM MASANARI
THAT YOUR VOICE IS SIMILAR TO SANAE'S, RIGHT?
HUH?
YOU KNEW THAT, TOO?
YES.
I WARNED YOU.
WAS THAT A WARNING?
I JUST THOUGHT YOU WERE JEALOUS OF ME...
UM...


LOVER HAVING AN AFFAIR
LOVER
LOVER
OOPS...
WHY AREN'T THEY TOGETHER?
AKIHISA'S STILL IN LOVE WITH SANAE, RIGHT?
I THINK HE STILL WEARS HIS WEDDING RING.
I'M SO-RRY!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT THEY SPLIT UP...
OH...
SO WHAT HAPPENED?
QUIETLY...
I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW.
.....
COME WITH ME.

SANAE
DIED OF AN ILLNESS..
YES..
DON'T TELL ME THIS IS..
UM..
WE WENT TO THE SAME COLLEGE AND WE WERE BEST FRIENDS
SHE WAS..
..A NOVELIST
Akihisa was her editor

It seemed to me they were always fighting
But
YOU TWO ARE GOING OUT!?
YOU AND AKI-HISA?
SINCE WHEN!?
YEAH.
ABOUT A MONTH AGO... I GUESS...
I THINK HE'S A GREAT GUY.
BUT... HE'S A BIT ARROGANT
I KNOW
I KNOW
I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY WOMEN HAVE COME CRYING TO ME FOR ADVICE BECAUSE OF HIM...
I KNOW...
HEY

YES?
OH
NEVER MIND
"THANKS"?
THANKS, AOI
CONSIDER YOURSELF WARNED — WHATEVER HAPPENS NOW IS YOUR PROBLEM.
BUT MY WORRIES NEVER CAME TRUE.
SANAE

HE CAME WITH YOU?
YEAH HE WANTED TO WAIT OUTSIDE BECAUSE HE WAS EMBARRASSED
SEE YOU
YEAH
THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME...
I'D EVER SEEN HIM SMILE LIKE THAT...
I THOUGHT PERHAPS I'D MISJUDGED HIM
AFTER SANAE STARTED GOING OUT WITH HIM...
MY IMPRESSION OF HIM REALLY CHANGED...
...THEN...
ABOUT THE TIME THEY DECIDED TO GET MARRIED

SANAE SUDDENLY COLLAPSED...
TWO MONTHS !?
YES
THERE'S ALMOST NO CHANCE SHE'LL SURVIVE, EVEN IF SHE HAS SURGERY.
HER PARENTS WANT HER TO TRY, BUT...
...SHE...
DOESN'T REALLY WANT TO .....
AKIHISA ?
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?

WH-AT'S THE MAT-TER?
HER ILLNESS WILL CONTINUE TO PROGRESS
EVEN AFTER THE SURGERY...
SHE'S GOING TO SUFFER
FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE ...
PLEASE...
PLEASE HAVE...
... THE SUR-GERY ...
...EVEN IF...
IT ONLY GIVES ME...
ONE MORE MINUTE...
ONE MORE SECOND WITH YOU...

So Sanae had multiple operations
IT'S—
BEAUTIFUL
HMM?
WHY?
S.H
"S.H."?
SANAE
早苗
HINO
日野
LET'S HAVE...
A WEDDING CEREMONY RIGHT HERE. JUST THE TWO OF US.

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YOU'RE BEAUTI-FUL...
Then winter came
I WANT A GIRL.
... WHAT?

AKIHISA, YOU SOUND LIKE AN OLD MAN. .
HUSH.
FIRST A GIRL, AND THEN A BOY, RIGHT?
OUR KID
WHEN I WAS LITTLE, MY FAMILY AND I USED TO GO TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PARK QUITE OFTEN ..
YOU KNOW .
LET'S SNEAK OUT OF THE HOSPITAL AND GO TO THE PARK
WHEN SPRING COMES
YEAH
THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS WERE BEAUTIFUL ....

squeeze...
HINO-SAN, VISITOR HOURS ARE OVER NOW
ALL RIGHT
STAY A LITTLE LONGER TODAY.
PLEASE...
YES
BUT I'D LIKE TO STAY A LITTLE LONGER FIRST...
YOU'LL COME TOMORROW TOO, RIGHT?
SANAE?

I WANTED
TO SEE...
— THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS
WITH YOU...
SLIDE...

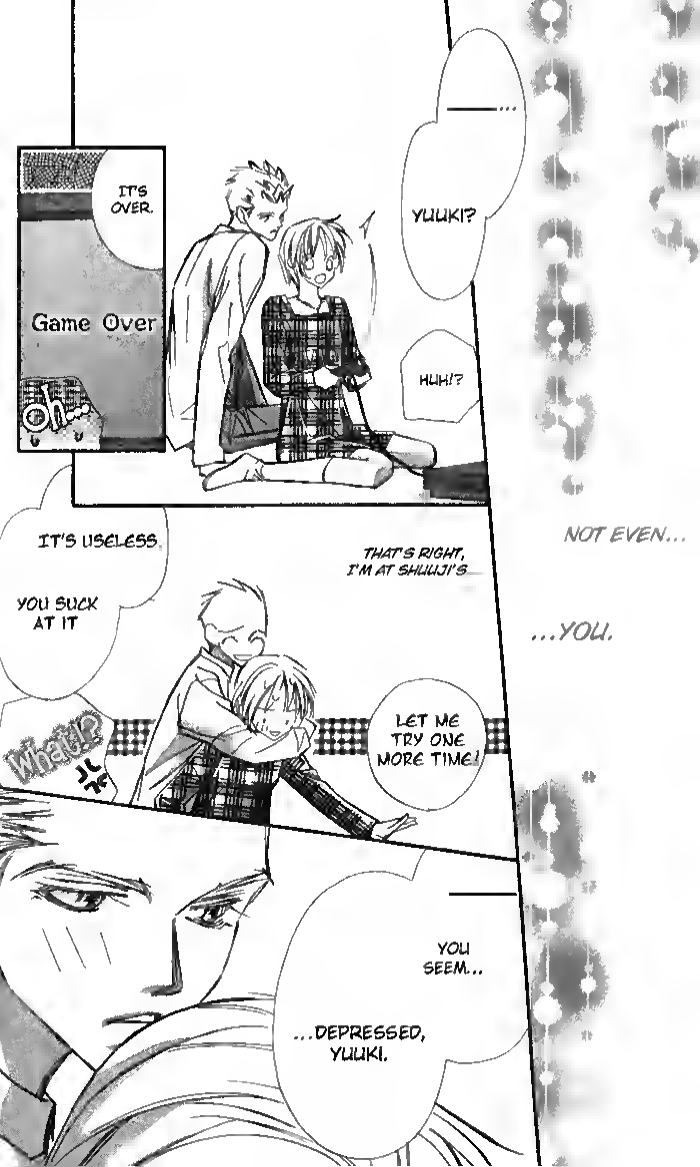
...SANAE.?

THIS CAN'T BE...

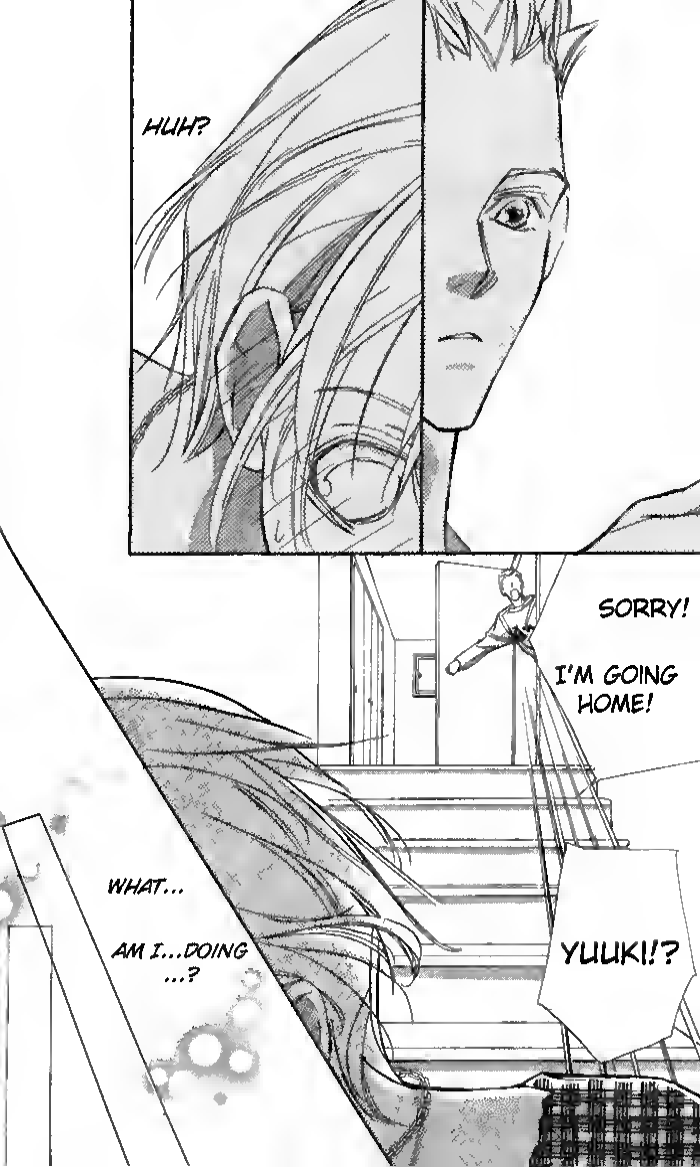
AKIHISA.
ARE YOU THERE..?

SOMEBODY ...
SOME-BODY, PLEASE HELP!
SUICIDE?
YES.
EVER SINCE THEN, I'VE BEEN AFRAID TO LEAVE HIM ALONE.

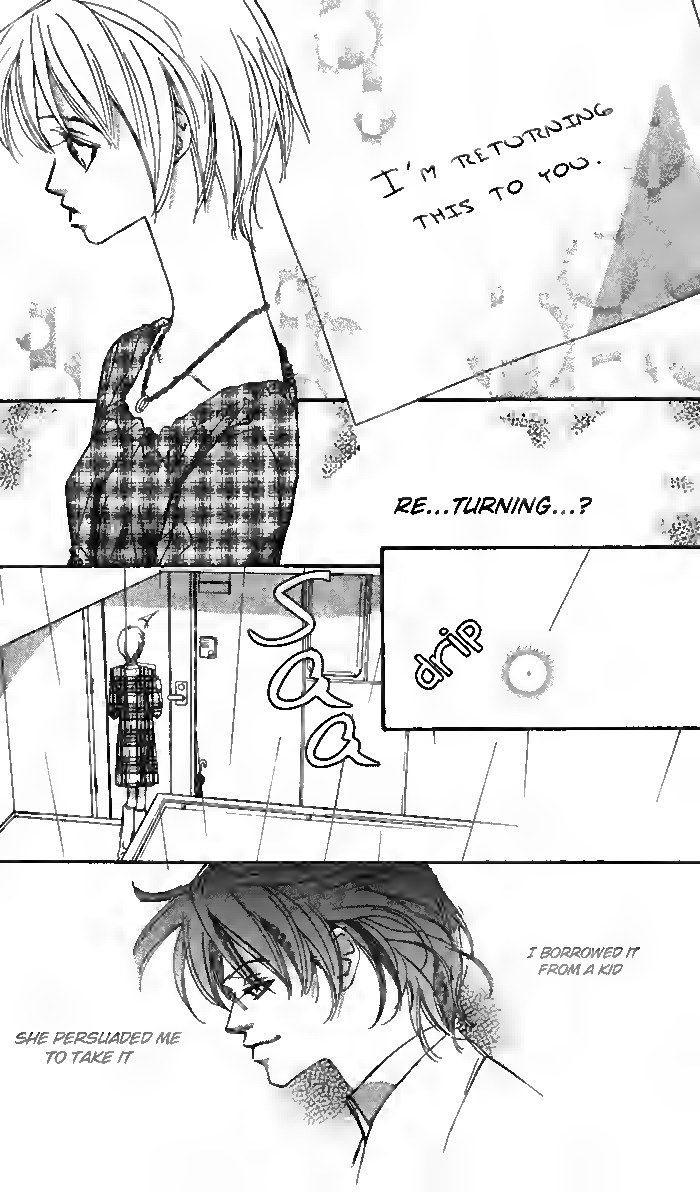
DO YOU KNOW WHY HE KEEPS ME NEAR HIM?
WHY?
BECAUSE... I'M CONNECTED TO HIS PAST WITH SANAE...
HE CAN'T LET GO OF THOSE MEMORIES...
TIME STOPPED FOR HIM THE DAY SHE DIED...
HE'LL NEVER LOVE ANYONE ELSE.
NO ONE CAN REPLACE HER...


IT'S OVER.
Game Over
YUUKI?
HUH!?
IT'S USELESS.
YOU SUCK AT IT
THAT'S RIGHT, I'M AT SHUUJI'S.
What!?
LET ME TRY ONE MORE TIME!
YOU SEEM...
...DEPRESSED, YUUKI.
NOT EVEN...
...YOU.

slowly
I'M FINE, SEE?
YUUKI...?
NO!
SLAP


HUH?
SORRY!
I'M GOING HOME!
YUUKI!?
WHAT...
AM I...DOING ...?

THAT'S...
THE CHILD'S UMBRELLA THAT WAS IN AKIHISA'S CLOSET...
DID HE...
...COME BY?
Flip
A LETTER...?


I'M RETURNING THIS TO YOU.
RE...TURNING...?
SAA
drip
I BORROWED IT FROM A KID
SHE PERSUADED ME TO TAKE IT

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Gently
PAT
PAT

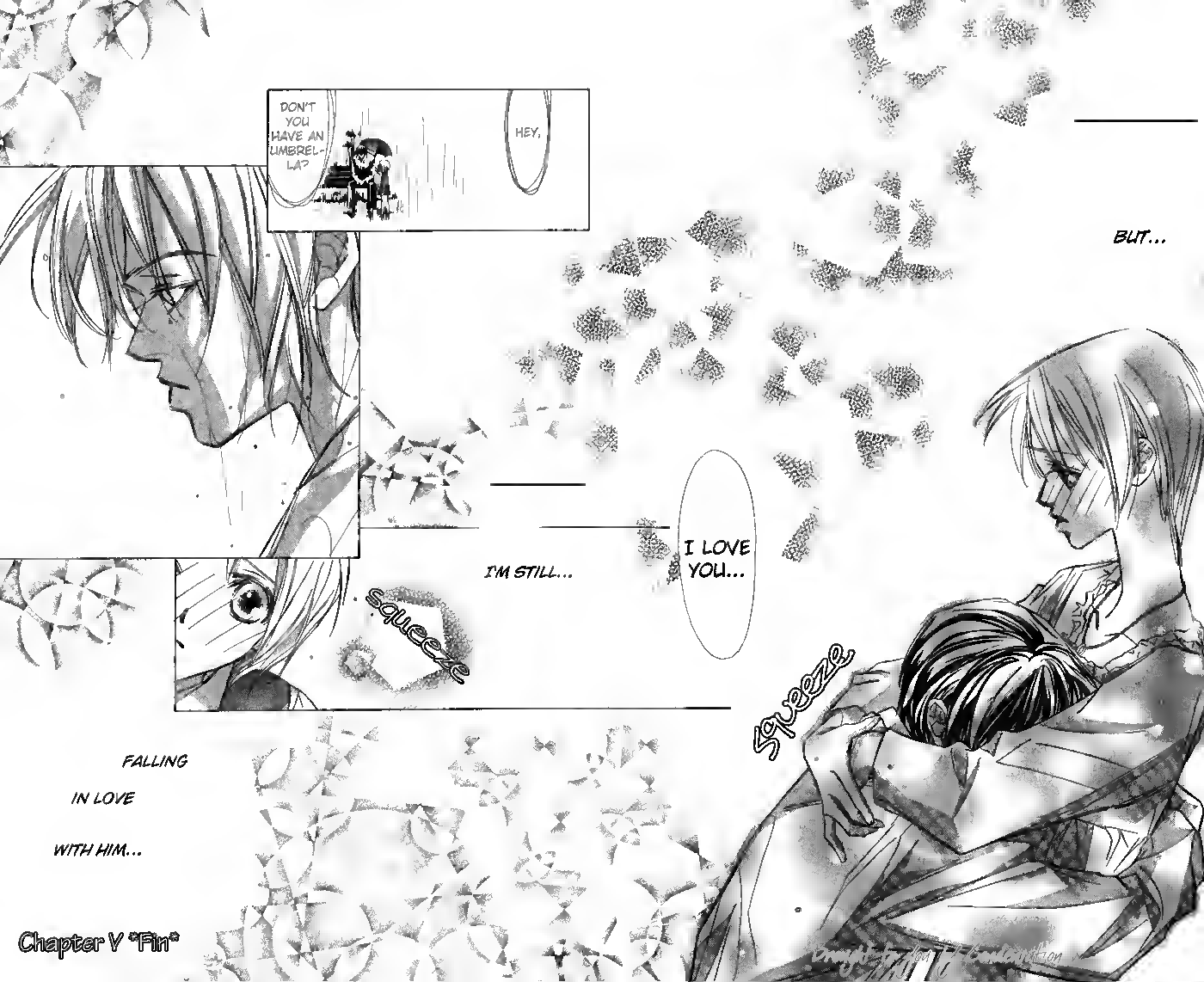
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT
Pff Pff Pff...
Why are you laughing?
DID I LEND YOU THIS UMBRELLA WHEN I WAS YOUNGER?
YEAH. YOU HAD THE SAME WORRIED LOOK ON YOUR FACE THAT YOU'RE WEARING RIGHT NOW.
DO YOU REMEMBER...?
YEAH, A LITTLE..
HE LOOKED LIKE HE WAS ABOUT TO DISAPPEAR..
..BACK THEN.
SORRY..
WHAT?

I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT MY WIFE.
DO I REALLY SOUND LIKE HER?
YEAH...
CLOSE YOUR EYES...
?
COME ON
CLENCH

I LOVE YOU...

GRAB
HUH?
THUMP

BA-DUMP
HE'S NOT...
SEEING
ME
RIGHT NOW...
BA-DUMP
I KNOW THIS...
BA-DUMP


DON'T YOU HAVE AN UMBRELLA?
HEY,
BUT...
I'M STILL...
I LOVE YOU...
squeeze
squeeze
FALLING IN LOVE WITH HIM...
Chapter V "Fin"

■ 木村 有希 <Yuuki Kimura>

＊Profile＊

B.D.: 8月23日
Blood type : B
Height : 160cm

Yuuki Kimura

■ 日野 彰久 <Akihisa Hino>

＊Profile＊

B.D.: 12月24日
Blood type : AB
Height : 183cm

Akihisa Hino

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■ 久保田 修司 <Shuuji Kubota>

＊Profile＊

B.D.: 10月10日
Blood type : B
Height : 178cm

Shuuji Kubota

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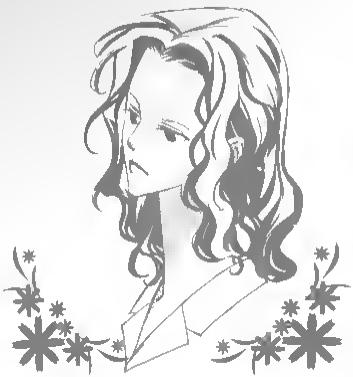

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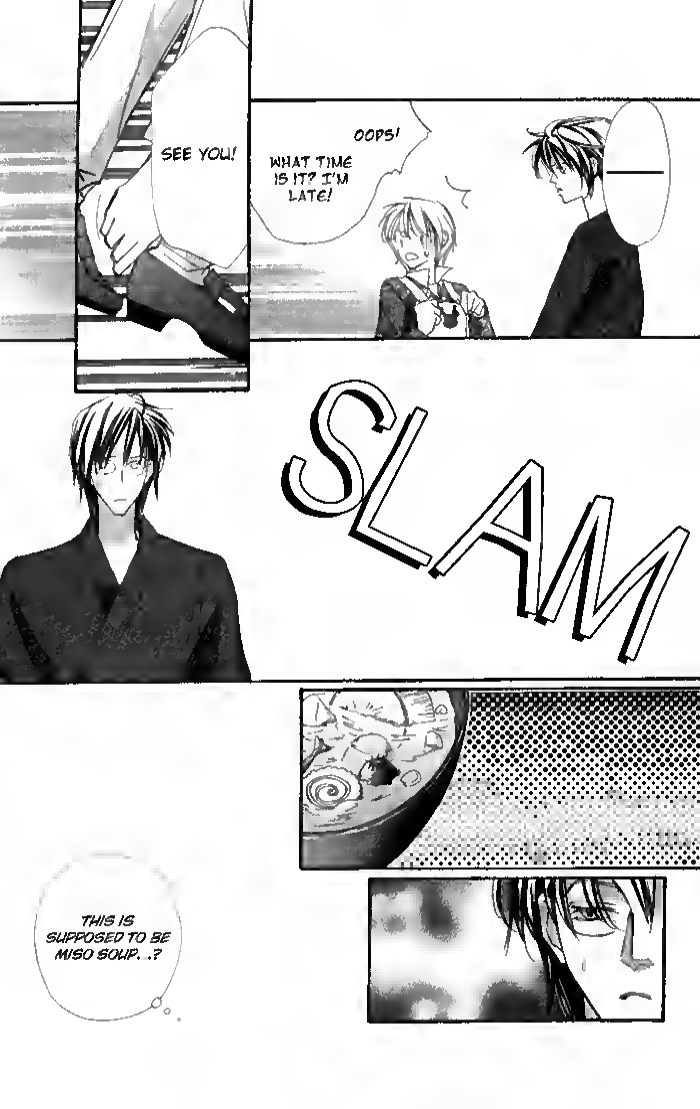
'MORNING, AKIHISA.
OH... I..
HUH? YUUKI?
THANKS FOR LETTING ME IN!
HEY, WHY DID YOU LOCK THE DOOR TODAY?
YOU USUALLY KEEP IT OPEN.

WHAT'S THIS?
IT'S MISO SOUP...
DON'T WORRY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO EAT IT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO
NO...
WHAT I MEAN IS... WHY ARE YOU FIXING BREAKFAST FOR ME?
OH! I THOUGHT IT WOULD TASTE BETTER
IF WE ATE IT TOGETHER


SEE YOU!
OOPS!
WHAT TIME IS IT? I'M LATE!
SLAM
THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE MISO SOUP. ..?

AND HE ONLY WANTS TO BE CLOSE TO ME BECAUSE MY VOICE SOUNDS LIKE HERS...
AKIHISA...
I FOUND OUT THAT HE'S STILL IN LOVE
WITH HIS DECEASED WIFE,
SANAE ..
——...
BUT...
EVEN KNOWING THAT...
MY FEELINGS ARE REAL...
I STILL WANT TO BE WITH HIM..
I TRULY CARE ABOUT HIM.

SHUUJI...
I'M SORRY ABOUT THE OTHER DAY...
OH— THAT'S OKAY.
WHAT IS IT? YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO TALK...
——...
I... UM...
I...
LIKE SOMEONE ELSE...

I DON'T APPROVE OF IT!
TO...
TOMOKO?
I THINK YOU'RE BETTER OFF WITH SHUUJI-KUN...
IT'S TOO PAINFUL...
YOU JUST SAID THAT HE DOESN'T REALLY LOVE YOU!
HUH?
I CAN'T...
I CAN'T WEAR THE RING THAT SHUUJI GOT FOR ME...

...ANYMORE.
I DON'T WANT IT TO SEEM LIKE I'M KEEPING SHUUJI AROUND
JUST IN CASE NOTHING HAPPENS WITH AKIHISA...
I CAN'T DO THAT TO HIM...
WHAT DID SHUUJI-KUN SAY?...?
HE WAS VERY COOL ABOUT IT. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD.
AND YOU... HAVE NO REGRETS?

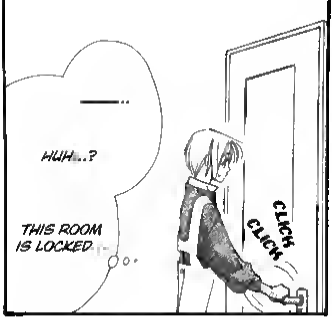
NO.
I'M HOME.
HOME?
TODAY, THEY HAD MEAT ON SALE!
OH! HOW WAS BREAKFAST? DID YOU EAT IT?
ARE YOU GOING TO COOK AGAIN?

Fine!
JUST WATCH! I'M GONNA IMPROVE MY SKILLS!
IT WAS TERRIBLE.
I haven't chopped the veggies yet
Huh?
Oh, it's boiling already
boil
boil
IS THIS REALLY OKAY?
CLATTER
BANG!

AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT YOUR BOYFRIEND?
NO,
IT'S OKAY
ARE YOU SURE?
!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
UNSTEADY
HUH?
GIVE ME THAT!
I'M FINE. I KNOW HOW TO USE A KNIFE.
NO, YOU'RE NOT...
Switch

BLUSH
Smoothly
HUH?
...
BADUMP
NO...
OH...
BADUMP
WHY IS MY HEART BEATING LIKE THIS...?

YOU HAVE FAT FINGERS
TWITCH
exhale
GO AWAY!
YOU'RE INTERRUPTING ME!
SWING SWING
GO HOME WHEN YOU'RE DONE
AH! ♡
OPEN
AKIHISA, YOU STUPID, DUMB, IDIOT!
HE'S SO INSENSITIVE...



I GUESS THAT WAS SANAE-SAN..

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT... THAT PHOTO WAS IN THIS ROOM..

YUUKI.. ?
OH,
THERE YOU ARE
HUH?
THERE'S A BED IN HERE, TOO..?

IT'S FINE...
I'VE GOT NO REASON TO HIDE MY PRIVATE LIFE FROM HER.
ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY?
SHE LOOKED HURT
A GIRL HER AGE WOULD BE SHOCKED JUST SEEING YOU HOLD ANOTHER WOMAN'S HAND.
—!!
?!
WHAT IS IT?
SMELLS LIKE CURRY.
Curry?
That's curry?
GOOD QUESTION...

GRAB
HANG ON, I'LL COOK YOU SOMETHING...
WHAT?
ARE YOU GOING TO EAT THIS?
——...
...NO...
SOLO

HE WAS SLEEPING WITH ANOTHER WOMAN?!
—...?
click
TO TOMOKO
gasp!
Pi
Pi
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SANAE-SAN WAS HIS *WIFE*
AOI-SAN IS HIS *LOVER*
AND I'M...
...NOTHING
I KNEW IT
LO-LOVER? HE HAS A LOVER?
YEAH
WITH WHO?
whisper
AOI-SAN-- HIS *LOVER*
I want to be with him, but
I SHOULDN'T EVEN BE IN LOVE WITH HIM...
BUT I CAN'T HELP IT
ARE YOU REGRET-TING YOUR DECISION NOW?

NO, I'M FINE!
ALL RIGHT THEN, I'LL SEE YOU LATER
YEAH
CONGRAT-ULATIONS
YUUKI?

A LOVER
WH.. WHO WAS THAT?
YOU SAID THAT AOI-SAN WAS YOUR LOVER
AOI'S MY LOVER, TOO
OH...?
HMM..
SO BESIDES HER..
HOW MANY OTHER LOVERS DO YOU HAVE?

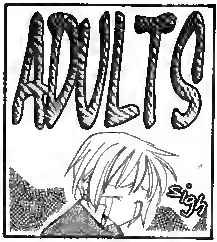
I HAVE A LOT OF ONE-NIGHT STANDS...
WELL... I'VE NEVER COUNTED...
SNAP
SNAP
BOOM
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
COOK-ING!
FURIOUSLY
CHOP CHOP CHOP

CHOP CHOP CHOP
HEY!
GIVE ME THAT!
IT TAKES A LOT OF TALENT TO MAKE FOOD THAT TASTES AS BAD AS YOURS.
WHAT DID YOU DO TO THAT CURRY?
THIS IS GREAT! DELICIOUS!
WHY?
DID YOU EAT IT?
...HUH?
THE CURRY
I thought curry would be easy...
Shut up. I'm practicing

I WAS...
HUNGRY

WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?!
JUST FINISH EATING AND GO HOME!
OKAY.
A KEY...?
YEAH, SHE GAVE IT BACK TO ME.
WHAT? WHY?
SHE'S GETTING MARRIED.
MARRIED?!
BUT AREN'T THE TWO OF YOU DATING?
...NOT REALLY.

IT WAS JUST A FLING. WE KNEW THAT WHEN WE STARTED SEEING EACH OTHER.
SHE WAS FIGHTING WITH HER BOYFRIEND.
BUT I GUESS THEY GOT BACK TOGETHER.



I GUESS..

AOI-SAN..

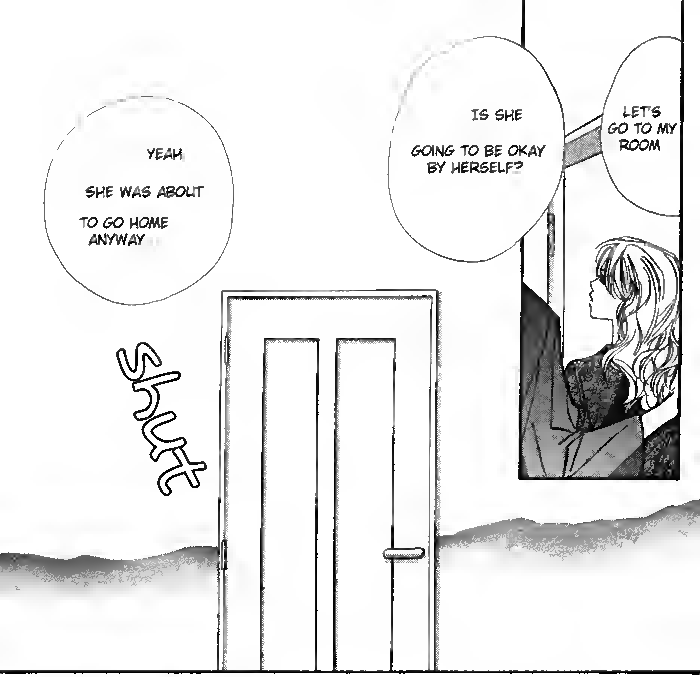
CAN I...

HAS A SPARE KEY, TOO...

B..BECAUSE...
I ALWAYS RING THE DOOR-BELL AND MAKE YOU OPEN THE DOOR FOR ME..
I DON'T WANT TO BE A BOTHER, SO...
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
16...
WHY?
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BOTHER ME...
YOU JUST SHOULDN'T COME OVER.
THEN YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW BETTER.

THERE'S NO NEED TO GIVE YOU A KEY.
ぐーぬ…。
OH, ARE YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF DINNER?

WOW
SHE'S REALLY YOUNG
AKIHISA, YOU SHOULDN'T PLAY WITH A LITTLE GIRL LIKE THIS
NO
SHE'S LIKE...
...A DAUGHTER TO ME.


LET'S GO TO MY ROOM
IS SHE GOING TO BE OKAY BY HERSELF?
YEAH. SHE WAS ABOUT TO GO HOME ANYWAY
shut

AKIHISA?
I'M GOING TO TAKE OFF MY CLOTHES.

..."DAUGHTER"?

MM!
...AH...!
HEY!
I DON'T WANT
MY DRESS
TO GET
WRINKLED...
AKIHISA!
WHAT'S THE
MATTER?
MM!
OHH!
AH!
...Tsuie

GOOD NIGHT, DAD!
SLAM
WHO THE HELL IS SHE?
HEY, AKIHISA...

AKIHISA ...?
...SHIT!
EXHALE
I FEEL BETTER NOW!

HE DOESN'T LIKE IT ..
THAT I COME OVER EVERY DAY...
GRAB
AH...

AKIHISA!
DON'T SAY ANY-THING...
HUH?
DON'T SCOLD ME WITH *THAT VOICE*...
PLEASE...
I BEG YOU...

OH, RIGHT...

MY VOICE...

OF COURSE...

THE ONLY CONNECTION BETWEEN US ..

IS SANAE-SAN...

I KNEW IT..

I WANT YOU TO STOP SEEING OTHER WOMEN
BUT IN RETURN...
YOU CAN REFUSE IF YOU WANT...
BUT I'LL SIMPLY KEEP SCOLDING YOU.
What?
WHAT AM I SAYING?!
IT SOUNDS LIKE I'M THREATENING HIM!

...ONLY MAKING HIM MORE ANNOYED,
BUT...
AM I...
BUT I CAN'T HELP IT...
THE WORDS ARE COMING OUT .
AGAINST MY WILL...
I'M...
...JEALOUS...?
twitch

HUG
PAT
I'LL TRY...
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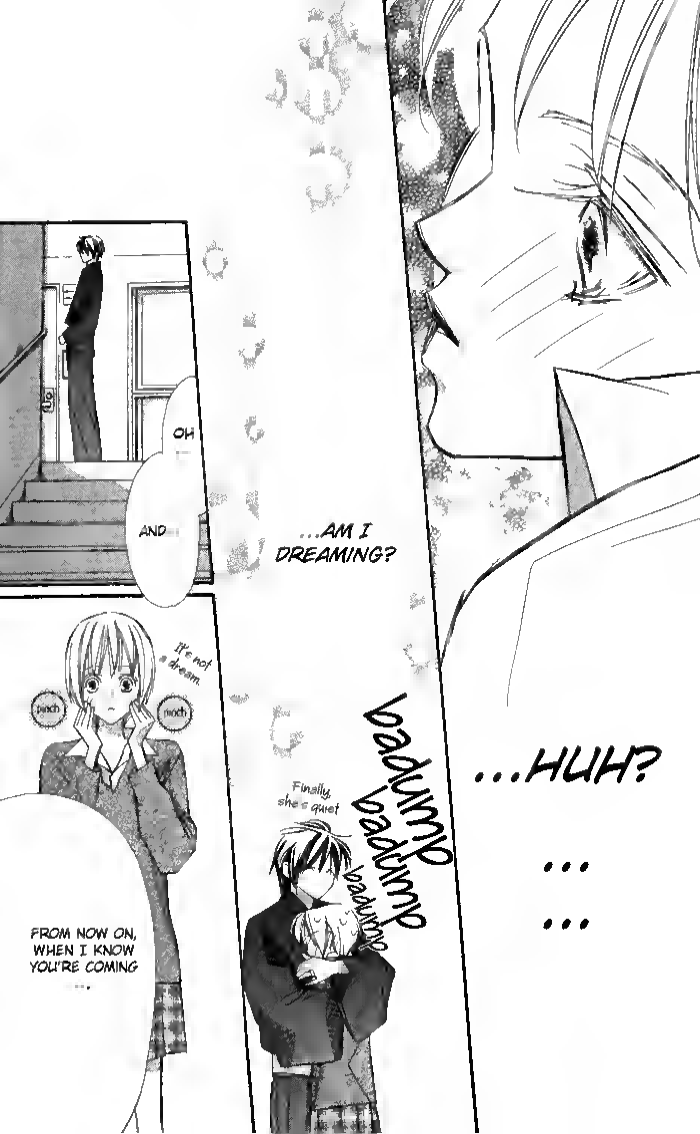
...HUH?
...
...
badump badump badump
Finally, she's quiet
...AM I DREAMING?
OH
AND
If it's not a dream
pinch
pinch
FROM NOW ON, WHEN I KNOW YOU'RE COMING

I'LL LEAVE THE DOOR UNLOCKED.
AKIHISA...

IS IT OKAY...
...TO LOVE YOU...?
GOOD NIGHT..
GOOD NIGHT!

Suki ni Natte mo Ii no?

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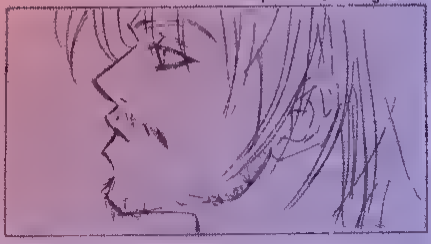
For my draft of chapter seven, I drew Akihesa with a beard. But then my editor said "you'd better not," so I left it out in the final version

better?

Hmm.

The beard that never was

It's not *that* important, though.



Chapter VII
I'LL ALWAYS GIVE YOU A HUG
好きになってもいいの?
Suki ni Natte mo Ii no?

FROM NOW ON WHEN I KNOW YOU'RE COMING...
...I'LL LEAVE THE DOOR UNLOCKED.
SO,
IS THE DOOR UNLOCKED
WHENEVER YOU GO OVER THERE NOW?

HOW WEIRD.
HOW DOES HE KNOW?
YEAH.
BLUSH
BLUSH
THIS MUST BE WHAT THEY CALL
HUH?
EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T TELL HIM BEFOREHAND?
YEAH
...THE MIRACLE OF LOVE! ♡
BANG
What are you talking about Tomoko?!
...ARE SO CONNECTED.
MAYBE THE TWO OF YOU.
...THAT YOU CAN SENSE WHEN YOU NEED EACH OTHER.

"THE MIRACLE OF LOVE,"
HUH?
THAT SOUNDS
TOO UNBELIEVABLE.
THOUGH, LATELY...
I'M HOME
...I'VE BEEN THINKING
...THAT SLOWLY, BUT SURELY...
...THE TWO OF US HAVE BEEN GETTING CLOSER
SHUT

STARTING TOMORROW...
I WANT YOU TO STOP COMING OVER TO COOK FOR A WHILE...
EH?
I'VE GOT A DEADLINE
MY PROJECT'S DUE AT THE END OF THE MONTH
THEN YOU'LL PROBABLY NEED HELP!
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO BABY-SIT!
I can't get sick either
SERIOUS

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!
FINE! THEN I WON'T COME OVER, EVEN IF YOU ASK ME TO!
GREAT.
GOOD NIGHT.
BOOO
SLAM
click

IDIOT.

SORRY FOR CALLING YOU... I KNOW YOU'RE BUSY RIGHT NOW..
NO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
IS THAT GIRL, YUUKI-SAN, STILL COMING OVER?
YEAH.
DID YOU REALLY BREAK UP WITH ALL YOUR OTHER WOMEN?
I WAS REALLY SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT

NOT AT ALL...
ARE YOU THREATENED BY YUUKI?
BUT... ARE WE STILL OKAY?
HUH?
SHOULDN'T WE BREAK UP?
I STILL ...
...NEED YOU...
IS THAT SO...?

POW!
POW
BAM!
choke
cough
HOW TERRIBLE..
THAT GUY'S TOTALLY HELPLESS..
...
STAND UP!
YOU STARTED IT!
GRAB
WHAT THE--?!

PULL
OH...
YOU LIVE ABOVE YUUKI'S PLACE, RIGHT?
SHOULDN'T YOU BE IN SCHOOL?
THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.

DON'T TELL YUUKI THAT YOU SAW ME FIGHTING
...
SHE'LL FIGURE THAT OUT WHEN SHE SEES YOU.
NO...
WE'RE NOT SEEING EACH OTHER ANYMORE.
...

月 火 水 木
1 2 3
8 9
15 16 17 18
22 23 24 25
1 week
sigh
THERE'S STILL A WEEK LEFT
BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH
HEY...
HUH?
YOU JUST NEED TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO INTERRUPT HIS WORK, RIGHT?
DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE HIM?
NO WAY!
HE SAID HE DIDN'T WANT TO BABY-SIT ME
HE HUNG OUT OF LINE

YEAH, I WANT TO SEE HIM.
BUT HE'LL JUST GET MAD AT ME.
Huh? Really?
Yeah. He can be pretty cold when he wants to be.
HOW ABOUT GOING ANYWAY AND TAKING YOUR CHANCES?
I THINK YOU SHOULD SEE HIM TO PUT YOUR MIND AT EASE.
YOU CAN WORRY ABOUT WHAT HE'LL SAY LATER.

THANKS, TOMOKO!
YEAH...!
SHE'S COMPLETELY RIGHT.
I CAN JUST POP IN TO SEE HIS FACE AND THEN GO HOME.
I'M ALREADY USED TO HIS SCOLDING ANYWAY.
CLICK
HUH?
IT'S OPEN..

SURPRISED
click
EH?
YOU'RE SUCH A NOSY KID
WHAT...?
shut
DOES HE JUST LEAVE IT UNLOCKED ALL DAY?!

AKI-
HI...
WHY IS IT OKAY FOR AOI-SAN TO COME OVER?
CLICK
GLOOMY
...SA...

CLACK
YUUKI?
WHY ARE YOU APOL-OGIZING?
I TOLD YOU THAT
I'D ALWAYS LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN FOR YOU
CLACK
CLACK
SORRY!
SCARED
ha ha
UM...
YEAH.
I WAS JUST WONDERING
HOW YOU WERE DOING
HUH?
THEN...
...IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO BE HERE?

YEAH, I STILL DON'T WANT TO DO THAT
?!
YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU DIDN'T WANT TO BABY-SIT ME, REMEMBER?
?
OH, YEAH
THE LAST TIME WE SPOKE
...
SURE.
OH, WELL.
CAN YOU FIX ME SOME TEA?
There was no need to worry.
He's so inconsistent.
NEVER MIND.
MAYBE I SHOULD DO IT
Pout?

IT LOOKS LIKE
HE HASN'T GOTTEN ANY SLEEP
HE HAS
DARK CIRCLES UNDER HIS EYES.
click
clack
click
clonk
rustle
rustle
AKIHISA,
ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR A CIGARETTE?
HIT

roll
roll
roll
SPLASH
S-
SORRY!
I'LL GET A RAG...
pull
POPS OUT
AH!

I'M GOING TO SLEEP.
!!
I'M SORRY...

HM-HM
TWITCH
MARITA AOI

NARITA AOI

SHE CAN...
TAP
HE DOESN'T HAVE TO BABY-SIT HER...
.. PROBABLY SUPPORT HIM WITHOUT BEING A BOTHER...
HEY, YOU...

I WAS JUST TYPING A CLEAN COPY.
DON'T YOU SEE THE PAGES EVERY-WHERE?
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS RETYPE THEM INTO MY COMPUTER AGAIN.
IT ISN'T LIKE YOU TO WORRY OVER SUCH A SMALL THING.
I CAN'T SLEEP IF YOU'RE UPSET.
OKAY.
GOOD.

I CAN START HELPING YOU TOMORROW.
OH, I KNOW!
HOW ABOUT I RETYPE IT FOR YOU?
Though I'm not as fast you.
THAT REMINDS ME. . .
I WANTED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING
HUH?
DID YOU BREAK UP WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND?

WHAT...?
UH...
UM...
Y-YEAH
YOU SHOULD...
...GET BACK TOGETHER WITH HIM.

HE...
NEEDS YOU.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, AKIHISA?

I DON'T
NEED
YOU.

OKAY...
click
SHUT

AM I REALLY OKAY WITH THIS?
SHOULD I JUST GIVE UP AND GO HOME?
click
AKIHISA, I-
collapse
HUH...?

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AKIHISA?!

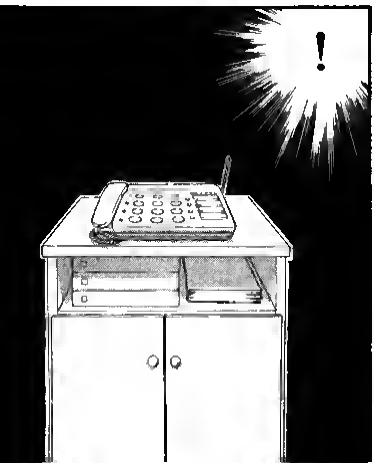
OH, NO!

OPEN YOUR EYES!

!

WH-WHAT

SHOULD I DO?!!



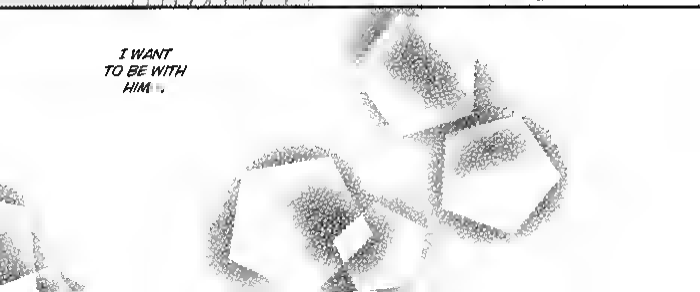
IT'S JUST FATIGUE.
THANK YOU, DOCTOR
slowly

AKIHISA,
ARE YOU AWAKE?
HMM.
SHUUU
HE'S TALKING IN HIS SLEEP...
HMM?
...
YUU...
...KI...

AH...
ARE YOU STILL HERE?
DON'T YOU HAVE SCHOOL TOMORROW?
YOU SHOULD HURRY UP AND GO HOME.
OKAY

I CAN'T SLEEP...
AKIHISA...
IS HE OKAY?

PANG


I WANT TO BE WITH HIM...

CLICK
IT'S UN-LOCK-ED...
HUH?
CREAK
I WANT TO SEE HIM...

WHY ARE YOU HERE BY THE DOOR?!
I DUNNO...
AKI...
HISA?
...
HUH?
I WONDER WHY...

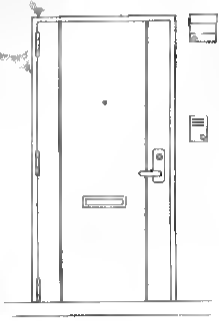
...WHEN I NEED YOU...
...YOU ALWAYS COME...

MAYBE THE TWO OF YOU...

ARE SO CONNECTED...

THAT YOU CAN SENSE

WHEN YOU NEED EACH OTHER...



...

CAN IT REALLY BE TRUE...?

gently
WHY ARE YOU JUST STANDING THERE?
COME IN AND SIT DOWN
OH
UM
HEY...
I..
I WANTED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING
YOU SAID,
YOU DIDN'T NEED ME...
SORRY ABOUT THAT

HUH...?
I...
CAN'T HOLD BACK ANYMORE ...
EH?
Ahhhh!
thud
WHA...?

IS THIS HOW IT IS...?
SNORE
Z
chuckle
HEY!!

I...

...NEED YOU,
TOO, AKIHISA.

I LOVE YOU.

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<Aoi Narita>
＊Profile＊
B.D.: 06/07
Blood type : A
Height : 170cm

Aoi Narita

Hanako Yamada

■ 山田 華子 ■
<Hanako Yamada>
＊Profile＊
B.D.: 06/18
Blood type : O
Height : 162cm

■ 高杉 政成 ■
<Masanari Takasugi>
＊Profile＊
B.D.: 03/18
Blood type : A
Height : 180cm

Masanari Takasugi

Sanae Hino

■ 日野 早苗 ■
<Sanae Hino>
＊Profile＊
?
Akihiso's wife
(deceased)

FYI, in feet and inches, Aoi is 5'7", Hanako is 5'4", and Masanari is 5'11".

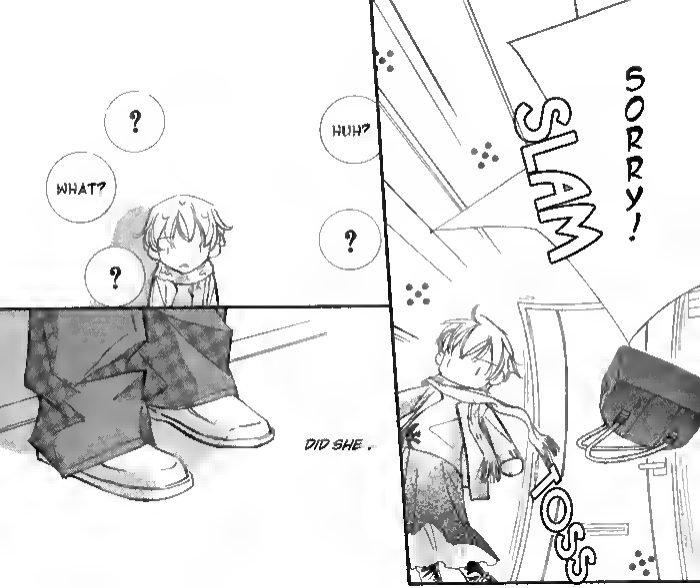
I'LL ALWAYS GIVE YOU A HUG

Suki ni Natte mo Ii no?

Chapter VIII

I NEVER THANKED YOU FOR LETTING ME STAY AT YOUR PLACE THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE.
I'VE BEEN MEANING TO COME AND SEE YOU, BUT I'VE BEEN REALLY BUSY...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, YUUKI-CHAN!
OH...
YAMADA HANAKO-SAN...
IT'S YAMA-DA-SAN.

AKIHISA-SAN'S BIRTHDAY...
NEXT FRIDAY IS CHRISTMAS EVE...
YOU KNOW, YUUKI-CHAN...
GRAB
IT'S REALLY HARD TO PIN HIM DOWN...
Since he's always working
WELL...
AKIHISA'S... BIRTHDAY?
WHAT...?
SO, I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D LET ME WAIT HERE FOR HIM...



...FIND OUT ABOUT US?

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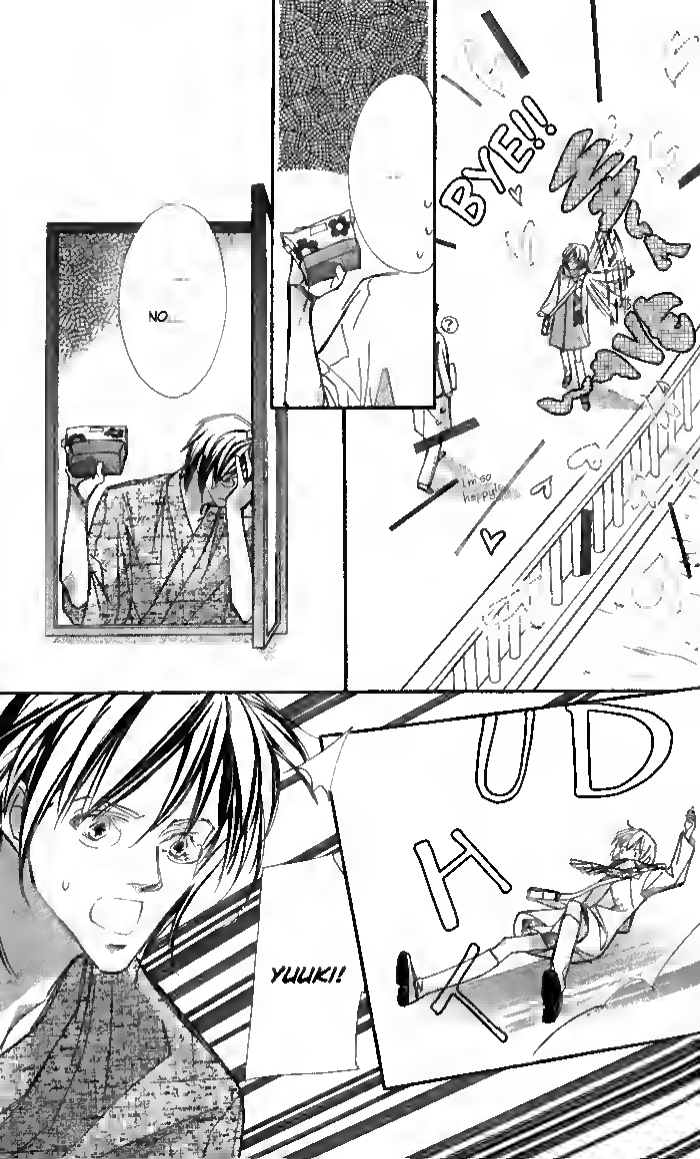
AKIHISA...
STARTING TODAY, I'M GONNA BE BUSY IN THE EVENINGS,
SO I WON'T BE ABLE TO COME OVER AND COOK DINNER FOR YOU.
I'll still be here in the mornings though.
OKAY.
SHUT
SEE YOU.

DAMN!
HE DIDN'T SEEM FAZED AT ALL...
HE COULD'VE BEEN A LITTLE MORE UPSET...
trudge
trudge
I WONDER WHY YOU ALWAYS COME
WHEN I NEED YOU.
DID HE REALLY SAY THAT?
OR DID I JUST IMAGINE IT?
wave wave


NO...
BYE!!
I'm so happy!
THUD
YUUKI!

LOOKS AROUND
SMIRKS OFF
RRR
RR
OH!
CLICK
HELLO.
HELLO?
OH, HI, AOI...
Akihisa?

LOVESICK
WHY...?

OKAY THEN,
I'LL BE IN THE BACK OFFICE.
JUST ASK ONE OF US IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.
ATM
Bottles
Paper
OKAY!
CIGARETTES
YOU'RE GETTING THE HANG OF IT.

AKIHISA?!
IT'S HARDER THAN IT LOOKS ISN'T IT?
YEAH, BUT IT'S STILL FUN.
hides
W-WHY IS HE HERE?!
?
IS HE WORRIED ABOUT ME?!
Kimura-san?

HE'S WITH AOI-SAN...
SUBWAY
OH...
PRECIOUS METALS & JEWELRY
THEY MUST BE ON A DATE...
KIMURA-SAN?
WEL-COME!

IT'S NOT NECESSARILY WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE...
JUST BECAUSE THEY WENT INTO A JEWELRY STORE...
DOESN'T MEAN HE WAS BUYING HER A RING...
trudge
trudge
trudge

Baby
THAT LOOKS LIKE THE SAME RING HE ALWAYS WEARS!
STARE
I GUESS HE DIDN'T BUY HER A RING.
OH, BUT... MAYBE IT'S A CHRISTMAS GIFT?
AND HE'S WAITING TO GIVE IT TO HER?
But he just bought it yesterday
NO! I HAVE TO STOP JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS. I NEED TO THINK POSITIVELY!

I'm fantasizing again...
Sigh
THAT WOULD BE TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE
...I GUESS
I KNOW!
MAYBE HE
SECRETLY BOUGHT A GIFT FOR ME!
YEAH!
IT'S A MIRACLE!
WHAT'S WITH THAT EXPRESSION?
Hey!
Y-YOU STARTLED ME...!
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

NO, NOTHING.
FINE.
PULL

FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY...
NEXT FRIDAY...
UM...
I WANT TO GO ON A DATE WITH YOU...
IS THAT ALL?
SORRY, BUT...
HUH?

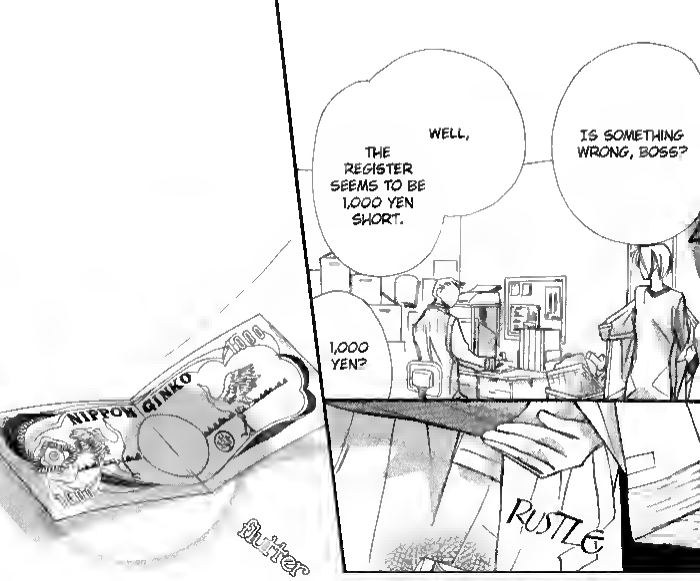
I'VE GOT AN APPOINTMENT THAT DAY.
flinch
JUST KIDDING.
WHAT?
I KNEW IT...

I'LL MAKE SURE TO KEEP MY SCHEDULE OPEN FOR YOU.
...REALLY?
YAY!
WELCOME! MAY I HELP YOU?
YUUKI-CHAN, YOU LOOK VERY HAPPY TODAY
OF COURSE! I'M GOING ON A DATE!

YUUKI-CHAN! WHAT A COINCI-DENCE!
I JUST STARTED WORKING HERE, TOO!
IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU.
COINCIDENCE ?
BY THE WAY...
I DECIDED TO GIVE UP ON AKIHISA-SAN
What?!
HE'S TOO OLD FOR ME .

I HAVE NO CHANCE WITH HIM. .
I. . SEE
YEAH.
HEY, YUUKI-CHAN.
I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR LUNCH TODAY. .
CAN I BORROW 1,000 YEN?
SURE.
Let me get my purse
THANKS! I REALLY APPRE-CIATE IT! ♡
I'M A LITTLE RELIEVED.
I WAS FEELING KIND OF GUILTY ABOUT BEING WITH AKIHISA

OH,
WAIT,
YUUKI-CHAN.
SEE YOU TOMORROW!
THANKS, ANYWAY
I DIDN'T NEED THIS AFTER ALL..
OH,
OKAY
HMM..
CIGARETTES
SLIDE


WELL,
THE REGISTER SEEMS TO BE 1,000 YEN SHORT.
IS SOMETHING WRONG, BOSS?
1,000 YEN?
RUSTLE
NIPPON GINKO
flutter

KIMURA-SAN.
YAMADA-SAN JUST RETURNED THAT TO ME.
OH...
...WHAT'S THAT?

SORRY TO ASK YOU THIS, BUT CAN YOU COUNT THE DRAWER BEFORE YOU GO HOME?
I'D LIKE YOU TO DOUBLE-CHECK MY CALCULA-TIONS.
I MIGHT HAVE MADE A MISTAKE.
OH... SURE.
YES,
I GAVE HER 1,000 YEN
I SEE..
THEN IT'S TRUE..
HMM...
BUT DID SHE PUT IT IN HER POCKET...?
OR DID SHE PUT IT IN HER PURSE..?
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IT'S OKAY, KIMURA-SAN
IT REALLY IS... 1,000 YEN SHORT...
I'LL DO IT AGAIN..
-1'000.
DN
%
GT
MC
MR
M-
M+
+/-
7
8
9
4
5
6
HERE, THIS IS FOR THE WORK YOU'VE DONE.
BUT IT'S STILL 1,000 YEN SHORT.
PAY
HUH?
WHAT?
WHY...?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME ANYMORE...

WHAT?
IT'S JUST STARTING TO GET INTERES--
TAP TAP
IT'S OKAY, KIMURA-SAN YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING ELSE
I...
I DIDN'T STEAL IT!
NO, IT'S NOT OKAY!
FORGET IT ALREADY.
YOU'RE ANNOYING ME!
I'LL COUNT THE DRAWER AGAIN
WAIT, PLEASE!
SALES

BUT YOU HAVE THE WRONG IDEA ABOUT ME!
...
BAM

AKI.
HISA..?
SORRY TO INTER-RUPT...
SHSHLLY
IT FELL ON THE FLOOR?!
UM... IT WAS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE REGISTER, SO...

AKIHISA
I THOUGHT THAT..
A CUSTOMER MUST HAVE DROPPED IT..
AKIHISA..
HMM
KI-MURA-SAN..

Yamada-san, couldn't you have told me sooner?
OKAY...
LET'S GO HOME.
UM...
I'M REALLY SORRY
OH...
WHAT?!
OH IT'S OKAY
YUUKI,
WHAT?
IT'S JUST STARTING TO GET INTEREST--

WHAT?
AKIHISA-SAN?
GOOD EVEN-ING
CAN I...
TALK TO YOU FOR A MOMENT...?
HUH?
GRAB
WHAT?!
WHAT?

WHAT'S THIS?
slides
UM...
WELL.
WHAT WAS HE DOING HERE, ANYWAY?!
NOW HE THINKS THE WORST OF ME!
I QUIT!
OH, RIGHT. SORRY.
YOU SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO KIMURA-SAN, TOO
I take full responsibility
Yay! I don't need to work here anymore!
Boss?

YOU WALK TOO FAST, AKIHISA.
stride stride stride
WAIT UP!

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT?
HUH?
Stops
WHY DID YOU GET A JOB?
TH-THAT'S.. NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS
HOW MUCH DO YOU NEED?

I'LL PAY FOR IT.
?!
I can't let you pay for it!
BUT THAT'S POINT-LESS!
"POINT-LESS"?
OH...!
I MEAN
!
YOU DID IT FOR ME?
Yes
Ground

YUUKI...
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT.
BUT, I--
JUST STAY BY MY SIDE.

DOES THAT MEAN...
PAT
YOU'RE TOO CLUMSY TO BE LEFT ALONE.
PAT
PAT

I see
So that's what you think of me
YOU GET TRICKED SO EASILY...
?
TRICKED...?
ANYWAY...
SERIOUSLY, YUUKI...
YOU DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE I WAS FOLLOWING YOU...
HURRY UP, ALREADY.

OKAY. .

YOUR BOSS WAS SO MEAN!
DID YOU QUIT?
WELL,
I CAN'T REALLY BLAME HIM FOR REACTING THE WAY HE DID, BUT AT LEAST HE APOLOGIZED.
SO, IS EVERYTHING OKAY NOW?
YEAH
I CAN PUT UP WITH ANYTHING WHEN I'M THIS HAPPY, TOMOKO
GOOD, THEN YOU AND AKIHISA-SAN MUST BE DOING WELL.
Okay
YEAH, I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT.
HUH?
SHUUJI?

HE HASN'T BEEN HIMSELF, LATELY HE SEEMS REALLY TENSE...
HE'S ALSO BEEN SKIPPING CLASSES...
AND I HEARD THAT HE'S EVEN HANGING OUT AT THE SUBWAY STATION...
SHUUJI...?

YOU JUST BUMPED INTO HIM ON PURPOSE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
ALMA
OH?
I SAW YOU JUMP SOME GUY THE OTHER DAY
HEY... I KNOW YOU
What do you guys want?
FLEX
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

IT'S SO NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
♡